JANUARY







PLAY YOUR WAY. ONE HOUR A DAY.

www.idph.state.ia.us/pickabettersnack





Pick a better snack™ encourages kids and families to enjoy a variety of fruits and vegetables. Complete the card by putting an "X" through the squares of fruits, vegetables and physical activities you have tried. A "bingo" is complete when you make a line of X's diagonally, horizontally, or vertically. Turn the card over for more fun!

Funded by USDA's Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), an equal opportunity provider and employer, in collaboration with the lowa Departments of Public Health and Human Services. lowa Food Assistance can help you buy healthy food. Visit www.yesfood.lowa.gov for more information.



MOM TO MOM

My son came home from school one day and said, "Mom, we have to get kiwi!" I thought, "Did he say kiwi or candy?" Since then, I have started asking my kids what fruits and vegetables they try at school and which ones they like. Sure enough, when I buy those fruits and veggies, they don't go to waste. When I buy fruits and veggies for them I know I'm making the healthy choice the easy choice for them.

~ Adrienne, a mother of two in lowa

REAL QUESTIONS. EXPERT ANSWERS.

WILL THE EGG SALAD SANDWICH IN MY LUNCH BOX STILL BE SAFE TO EAT AT NOON?

FOR ANSWERS TO THIS AND OTHER QUESTIONS, CALL IOWA STATE UNIVERSITY'S ANSWERLINE 800-262-3804 OR EMAIL ANSWER@IASTATE.EDU.



Winter provides new creative ways to be active outdoors. Check out these fun winter activities!

- Organize a sledding or skating party with your family or the whole neighborhood.
- Build a snow fort, snow person, or even throw some snowballs!
- When it's too cold to play outside, take the family to the nearest mall to take a brisk walk and do some window shopping.
- Visit the library. It is a great resource for children and adult fitness videos and books. You can be physically active together

 and it is free!

Getting 60 minutes a day of physical activity in **any** form can help keep kids healthy. During the winter months, children spend a lot of time indoors. When picking indoor activities, select those that will offer some type of physical activity. Bowling, skating or walking the mall are more active choices than watching a movie.

CHILD'S NAME

has played Pick a **better** snack[™] bingo this month.

SIGNATURE